



Bill Draft 2013-TMz-11: Require Photo ID for UI Benefits.

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SUMMARY: *The bill draft would require photo identification to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits.*

CURRENT LAW AND BACKGROUND: The Department of Commerce's Division of Employment Security (DES) administratively requires UI claimants present photo identification before receiving services. DES imposed the photo identification requirement to address fraudulent UI claims and create an audit trail. The photograph is evidence of the individual who committed fraud and aids prosecution of criminal offenses.

The US Department of Labor (USDOL) supports program integrity measures such as requiring photo identification. The USDOL provided a staff opinion that photo identification is a permissible eligibility requirement for UI claimants as part of the requirement to report to DES.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill draft would add a new, statutory eligibility requirement to receive UI benefits that claimants must present photo identification. Valid photo identification requires the individual's photograph and must be one of the following documents:

- A driver's license, learner's permit, provisional license, or nonoperators identification card issued by North Carolina, another state, the District of Columbia, United States territory, or United States commonwealth.
- A United States passport.
- A United States military identification card.
- A Veterans Identification Card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- A tribal enrollment card issued by a federally recognized tribe.
- Any other document issued by the United States or any state that the Division determines adequately identifies the individual.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill draft would be effective when it becomes law.

